

Serial No. 10/500,858  
Preliminary Amendment

### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

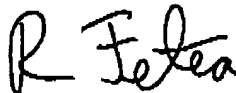
Claims 1 and 4-13 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 4-13 are amended and Claims 2 and 3 are canceled without prejudice by the present amendment.

As discussed with Examiner Lam on November 17, 2005, the originally filed claims in the International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/00513, filed January 22, 2003, are amended according to U.S. practice to reflect the pending claims as amended in the international stage. No new matter has been added. In addition, the Abstract of this application is amended to have only one paragraph.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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